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MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGE 2013–2014

Entries must be the unaided efforts of individual pupils.

Solutions must include explanations and answers without explanation will be given no credit.

Do not feel that you must hand in answers to all the questions.

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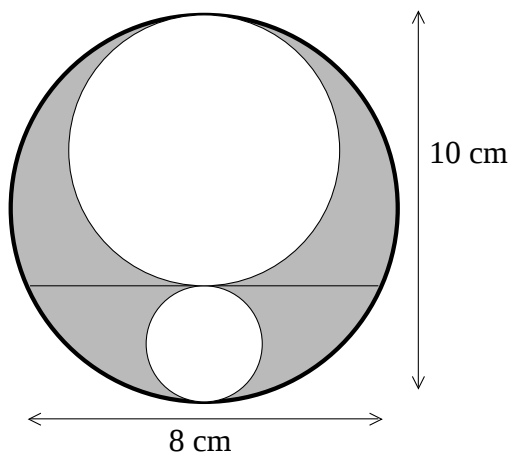
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Middle Division: Problems 1

- M1.** In a recent election, six candidates stood and a total of 51880 votes were cast. The winning candidate beat the others by 1336, 7085, 15333, 15654 and 17102 votes respectively. Candidates lose their deposit if they fail to get more than 5% of the total number of votes cast. How many candidates lost their deposits?
- M2.** In a tennis tournament, each match is played between two players, and the winner proceeds to the next round whereas the loser is eliminated. There are no draws. If necessary, in the first round only, a number of players do not participate.
- (a) A particular tournament starts with 256 players and proceeds until there is one overall winner. How many matches are played in this tournament?
- (b) If the tournament starts with 296 players and proceeds until there is one overall winner. How many matches are played in this tournament?
- M3.** A jeweller has been asked to make a pendant in the shape of the shaded area shown. The height of the pendant is 10 cm and the distance across at the point where the two smaller circles touch is 8 cm.



Find the area of the pendant.

- M4.** On a tiny remote island where the death sentence still exists a man can be granted mercy after receiving the death sentence in the following way:
- he is given 18 white balls and 6 black balls.
 - he must divide them between three boxes with at least one ball in each box.
 - he is then blindfolded and must choose a box at random and then a single ball from within this box.

He receives mercy only if the chosen ball is white.

Find the probability that he receives mercy when he distributes the balls in the most favourable manner.

SEE OVER FOR QUESTION M5.



Mathematical Challenge Problems 1

MIDDLE DIVISION 2013–2014

PLEASE USE CAPITALS TO COMPLETE

SURNAME

OTHER NAME(S)
(underline the one
you prefer)

SCHOOL

AGE

YEAR OF STUDY

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FOR OFFICIAL USE

Marker

Marks

1	2	3	4	5

Total

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Please write your solutions on A4 paper and staple the above form to them.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME ON EVERY PAGE.

Send your entry directly or through your school to :

Ruth Forrester,

University of Edinburgh, Moray House Institute of Education,
Holyrood Rd., Edinburgh, EH8 8AQ

For further information on the competition, please see the Information Circular, which has been distributed to all secondary schools. Please contact the local organiser, whose name and address are given above, if you require a further copy.

- M5.** Three types of item, A, B and C, are for sale. Items of type A sell at 8 for £1. Items of type B sell for £1 each. Items of type C sell for £10 each. A selection of 100 items which includes at least one of each type costs £100. How many items of type B are there in the selection?

END OF PROBLEM SET 1

CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF SOLUTIONS :

27th September 2013

Look out for Problems 2 in early December!

Look on the SMC web site:

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for information about Mathematical Challenge